

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-22 are currently pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-10, 17-21 have been amended, claims 4 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 22-28 have been added. The new claims are supported by at least the description starting from page 17, line 5 of the specification. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-28 would be pending.

II. In the Specification:

The Examiner has requested a new title which is descriptive. In accordance with the Examiner's request, Applicants have amended the title to satisfy this request, as follows:

CAMERA CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR
SELECTIVELY CONTROLLING ONE OR MORE CAMERAS.

III. In the Drawings:

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, namely Figure 7, because it does not include the reference sign(s) mentioned in the description (e.g., S71 and S72). Applicants submit herewith a formal drawing of Fig. 7 including proposed changes adding the reference sign(s) as required by the Examiner. Attached is a Submission of Drawings with amended Figure 7. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection of the drawings are respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 103(a):

Claims 1-3, 5, 9-12, 14, 18, 19 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Morgan (U.S. Patent No. 4,992,866). Claims 6 and 15 are

rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan. Claims 7 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan in view of Sengupta, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,359,647). Claims 8, 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan in view of Paff (U.S. Patent No. 5,164,827).

Independent claims 1, 10 and 19 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 4 or 13. Accordingly, claims 1, 10 and 19 and their dependent claims are believed to be in allowable form.

Newly added claims 22-28 are characterized by the operation of selecting the optimal camera in accordance with different tables which are set for each of monitoring clients. The cited references Morgan, Sengupta et al. and Paff, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest a remote observation system that is used by a plurality of users. Further, the cited references, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest that tables are set for each of monitoring clients. Therefore, the new claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

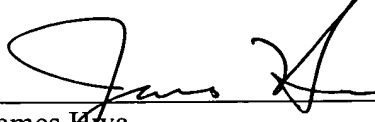
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4649.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4649.

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